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Applicant(s): Dunstan et al.

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**ATTORNEY'S STATEMENT PURSUANT TO § 1.821(f)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2001. A Sequence Listing is enclosed herein in paper and computer-readable form. The content of the paper and computer-readable form are the same. The sequence listing submitted herewith contains no new matter.

Please charge any fees associated herewith to Deposit Account 01-0519 and consider this a petition therefore if appropriate.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.821 (d), please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 14, replace the second paragraph with the following:

An Fc protein may be also linked to an OPG protein by "linker" moieties whether chemical or amino acids of varying lengths. Such chemical linkers are well known in the art. Amino acid linker sequences can include but are not limited to:

- (a) ala-ala-ala;
- (b) ala-ala-ala-ala (SEQ ID NO: 51);
- (c) ala-ala-ala-ala-ala (SEQ ID NO: 52);
- (d) gly-gly;

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